

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this applications in view of the following discussion is requested.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, Claims 5-22 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,825,056 and U.S. Patent No. 7,037,738. Claims 5-22 were indicated as being allowable over the prior art.

In response to rejection, Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321, thereby overcoming the double patenting rejection of Claims 5-22.

Accordingly, with the indication of the allowability of Claims 5-22 and the filed Terminal Disclaimer, the case is in a condition of allowance.

Consequently, in view of the above discussion, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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